



AITEL EXAMINATION BOARD

MID-TERM ASSESSMENT 2024

UGANDA CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

SUMMARY, COMPREHENSION AND GRAMMAR, FUNCTIONAL WRITING

CREATIVE WRITING.

3 hours

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

- ❖ **All questions in section A B C and D are to be answered.**

- ❖ **Choose one question from section E.**

- ❖ **Attempt a total of five sections**

SECTION A COMPREHENSION (10 scores)

1. Read the passage below and answer questions following.

“When I take the Covid-19 vaccine can I still be able to take my alcohol?” a one Laban Suruma asked the visiting Ministry of Health officials and the local area health workers in Butanda Parish, Bufundi Sub-county in the Western district of Kabale.

Suruma was one of the about 30 locals who last week thronged Butanda Health Centre III to take the Covid-19 AstraZeneca vaccine. Given the approving murmurs from fellow locals when he asked the innocent but genuine question, it was only too clear what their most immediate concern was.

The vaccines only reached this hard-to reach area about two weeks ago despite the fact that the vaccination process had been ongoing for more than eight weeks countrywide. To get to Butanda, it requires one to drive 65 km. That is more than an hour around several hills around Kabale town.

The health officials told Suruma that he could still take alcohol even after the vaccination but he had to limit the quantity because with or without vaccination, alcohol in his body was unhealthy.

Meanwhile, Belleria Turabatema, another resident of Butanda, said that she was confused by the conflicting information the area radio journalists were giving about the vaccination process. She said she was ready to take the covid shot but different media journalists in the area kept giving conflicting reports especially in relation to the after-effects, such as blood clots and fever. She wondered if it was safe for people like her who are above 65 years to take the covid shot. In fact, she said Butanda is an area with so many elders above 100 years old but they cannot make it to the vaccination centre. She asked if it were possible to take the vaccines closer to these people in their homes.

In February, Uganda received a donation of 864,000 dozes from the Covax facility and another 100 dozes from India. The vaccination process was officially rolled out on March 10 and the transportation of the vaccines across the country was facilitated by UNICEF. But by May 10, only 330,000 people had been vaccinated, according to Ministry of Health statistics. According to Geoffrey Nkuruziza, the in-charge of Butanda Health Centre III, of the 500 dozes of Covid-19 vaccine that had been given to the facility about two weeks ago, only 92 people had been vaccinated, a low but impressive figure when compared to the rest of the country where uptake had been low due to fears over its safety.

Catherine Tambahde, the UNICEF communication's specialist, said she was impressed by the turn up of elders in Butanda to get the vaccine and their confidence in airing out concerns regarding the possible side effects of vaccine.

Following the low uptake of the vaccine, the government has expanded the vaccination centres to now include Health Centre IIIs, which were nearer to where many people lived.

Intentionally, the vaccination had been limited to regional referral hospitals and Health Centre V. Transporting the temperature sensitive vaccines, however, was still a big challenge with majority of the health centres lacking the required storage facilities. This meant that the vaccines had to be transported daily to the facilities and the unused had to be taken back to the regional and referral hospitals, which was costly. Generally, the health workers themselves had not fully embraced the vaccination process and Ntabadde said they recently embarked on an online and onsite sensitization drive. This way, they trained health workers on how to administer the vaccine and the possible related challenges.

Similar transportation challenges were cited by Kabale Assistant Health Officer, Oliver Namanya, for Bwama Health Center III in Ndorwa West, Kitumba Subcounty. Namanya said Bwama was only accessible by boat and the two available government boats often have no fuel, something which affects movement of health workers and the medicines.

Ronald Ngabirano, the in-charge of Bwama Health Centre III, echoed similar transportation challenges, saying even patients had to wait for the market boats which only operate on Mondays and Fridays (the market days) and in the morning and evening.

Facilities like all Health Centre IIIs are only given about Shs1.5M per quarter, which Ngabirano says is little and should be upped to at least Shs 4M.



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(a) Now answer the following questions

1. According to the passage, why were most of the locals unwilling to take the vaccine?
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2. Why had the vaccination exercise been limited to only the referral hospitals? (02scores)

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SECTION C (10 scores)

(c) Rewrite the following sentences as instructed in brackets. Do not change the meaning unless you are told to do so.

1. Maggie likes teaching. Fortunate likes teaching.

(Join into one sentence using as well as...)

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2. As Mutebi was entering the room, there was a power failure.

(Rewrite using 'scarcely')

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3. Mary was sick. She did the exam.

(Join into one sentence using 'although')

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4. Okecho would have scored the goal if he had listened to the referee.

(Begin: Had....)

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5. She love fruits

(Complete the sentence with the correct question tag)

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6. The visitor requested the gatekeeper to direct him to the career guidance office.

(Rewrite using direct speech).

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7. Musa is kind. Musa is intelligent

(Rewrite as one sentence and begin: Not only)

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8. Mugisha was appointed Minister of Health because of his involvement in the fight against Covid-19.

(Begin: Having....)

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9. Joan was brave but she ran away at the sight of a lion.

(Begin: Brave..._)

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10. I will give you some mangoes tomorrow.

(Rewrite in the negative)

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SECTION D FUNCTIONAL WRITNG (20 scores)

1. You have just completed senior four and your father promised to take you out for a vacation after your final examinations at Jinja source of the Nile hotel and you are very excited about it. You have however not made any reservations but you need to book so that you have ample time to prepare.



Write a letter of around (200 to 300 words) to the hotel to make a reservation

CHOOSE ONLY ONE QUESTION FROM THIS SECTION

SECTION E CREATIVE WRITING (20 scores)

1. The school Drama club came first in the National Drama competitions last year. In appreciation of their outstanding performance, the school took them on a tour to various places. You are a member of the Drama club and your friend would like to know about your tour. Write a composition describing some of the interesting things that you saw during the tour. (20 scores)



2. Your family has recently moved into the neighborhood which had recently been under attack of theft in the most recent festive season. Your family has been the latest victim of the theft and everyone at home is devastated because you are still new in the neighborhood.



Write an account of what happened. (20 marks)

3. You are the best debater at school and you have promised all your fellow debaters that you would surely win the annual UNSA debate competitions. Write defending your positive stand on the motion. " Technology has done more harm than good."



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